

CHAPTER XI.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOLL BRIDGE
ACROSS THE CATAWBA, NEAR THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
RAILROAD BRIDGE.

Corporators.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That A. M. Powell, George S. Powell and J. M. Long, and such other persons as they may associate with them and their successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic with corporate privileges, under the name and style of the Catawba Valley Bridge Company, and in that name to have succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the construction of and keeping up a public bridge across the Catawba river near the Western North Carolina Railroad bridge at any place between the Buffalo shoals and the Island Ford in said river.

Duty of Judge.

SEC. 2. That the Judge of the Superior Court of Catawba county, upon the petition of said persons named in the first section of this act shall appoint three disinterested freeholders of said county to view the banks on both sides of said river where the bridge is to be located, and lay off to the use of said petitioners one half acre of ground on either bank and assess the value thereof and make a report to the succeeding term of said court and upon the petitioners paying to the owners of said land the value so assessed and all costs incurred by reason of said petition, then the judge of said court shall confirm said report unless good cause shall be shown by the owners of the land why it ought not to be confirmed, and shall condemn the land to the use of the petitioners.

Voluntary conveyance.

SEC. 3. If the owners of the land on either side of said river shall sell or voluntarily convey the right of way over their land and one half acre on either bank to the persons